

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A qualitative and quantitative EIA for detecting *L. pneumophila* in water samples is disclosed. Critical to the disclosed levels of sensitivity of these EIA's is the use of antigen-specific antibodies to the target *L. pneumophila* antigen that have been rendered antigen-specific by affinity purification on a chromatographic column, which antibodies and their purification are described in detail in parent application Serial No. 09/139,720 filed August 25, 1998.

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